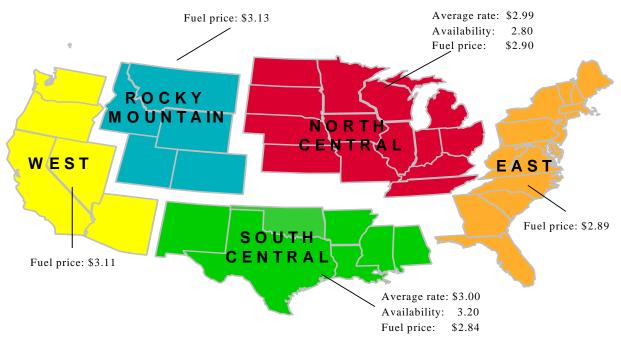
## **Truck Transportation**

Figure 1
U.S. Grain Truck Market Advisory, 3rd Quarter 2006



<sup>1</sup>Average rate per loaded mile, based on truck rates for trips of 25, 100, and 200 miles Note: Fuel prices are a quarterly average (unit per gallon) Fuel price data source: Energy Information Administration U.S. Department of Energy, www.eia.doe.gov

Table 1
U.S. Grain Truck Market Overview, 3rd Ouarter 2006

Region	25 miles	100 miles	200 miles	Truck availability	Truck activity	Future truck activity	
		•		Quarterly Rating			
	<sup>1</sup> Rate per mile			1=Very easy	1=Much lower		
				to	to		
				5=Very difficult	5=Much higher		
National average <sup>2</sup>	4.23	2.40	1.86	2.9	2.7	3.0	
North Central region	4.31	2.53	2.14	2.8	2.9	3.3	
Rocky Mountain	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
South Central	4.91	2.63	1.48	3.2	1.8	2.2	
West	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Rates are based on trucks with 80,000 lb gross vehicle weight limit

Source: Transportation and Marketing Programs/AMS/USDA

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>National average is based on rates received from various states, but not every state is represented.

Figure 2
National Truck Rate Averages, Quarterly

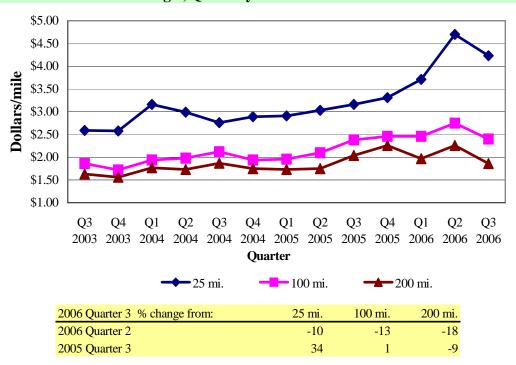
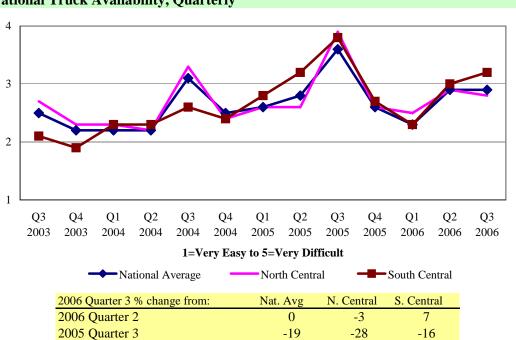
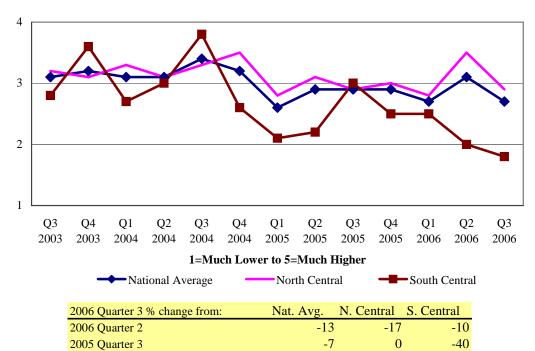


Figure 3

National Truck Availability, Quarterly







## **Ocean Transportation**

Table 2
Quarterly Grain Ocean Freight Rates from Select Origins and Destinations (average rates & percentage changes) (US\$/metric ton)

Countries/ regions	2006 3 <sup>rd</sup> qtr	2005 3 <sup>rd</sup> qtr	Percent change	Countries/ regions	2006 3 <sup>rd</sup> qtr	2005 3 <sup>rd</sup> qtr	Percent change
Gulf to	_			Pacific NW to			
Japan		36.33		Japan			
S. Korea	36.00			Argentina/Brazil to			
N. Africa		24.25		China		32.00	
				N. Africa	46.75	40.00	17
				Polnad	44.00		

Source: Maritime Research, Inc. (www.maritime-research.com)